

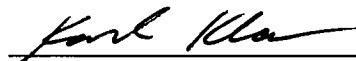
REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 1, 2009. Claims 13-16, 25, and 26 have been cancelled herein to expedite issuance of the present application and without prejudice to the presentation or assertion, in the future, of claims relating to the same or similar subject matter of the cancelled claims. Applicant does not acquiesce to the Office Action's characterization of the cited references or the rejections of the cancelled claims. Allowed claims 1-12 and 17-24 remain pending. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090. Reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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